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of Assembly has afforded a fresh Instance of this Sort of Artifice. A Message, relative to a Supply Bill, was sent up from the Lower to the Upper House, nine Days before the Proragation, and yet an Answer to it was returned so near the End of the Session, that
 p. 5 the Lower House were not allowed Time to give it a second Reading. In this Answer, I apprehend the Lower House are most injuriously treated; and the Purpose of the present Address to the Public, is to vindicate their Conduct from the many gross and groundless Calumnies, which so plentifully abound in this matchless Performance. But as if the Gentlemen had not entirely discharged their Spleen, by this Message, against the Lower House, they have assumed a new Mode of attacking them, by an Address to the Governor, the pretended Purpose of which was, to apprize him of what had passed between the two Houses upon the Subject of the Supply Bill; though the real Intention was to make, to the many Accusations contained in their Message, some few Additions, which had escaped their happy Talents for Narrative and Invention in their other Performance. I believe very few Gentlemen in that House will deny, that the Governor was as fully informed of every Circumstance, relative to the Proceedings between the two Houses, as any of their Honours; the Harmony and amicable Correspondence (for which good Reasons will appear in the Sequel) between him and them, being too notorious to admit of any other Supposition; so that the End of this Address was to exhibit a new Kind of Management in conveying their Calumnies against the Lower House, for their Adroitness in which, backed by proper Representations, I presume some of their Honours expect to be duly distinguished somewhere.

There is another Circumstance of great Disingenuity in this Address, and that is, the Lower House cannot, by any regular Course
 p. 6 of Parliamentary Proceeding, take the least Notice of it, because it being a Proceeding between the Upper House and the Governor, the Lower House cannot be presumed to have any Parliamentary Knowledge of it. Thus intrenched, they may discharge, with the utmost Security, against the Representatives of the People, all the Virulence and Abuse they are so much Masters of. In short, the Gentlemen may plume themselves as much as they please upon the Dexterity of their Management, but the World will give them very little Credit for their Candour in this Proceeding, which, added to the Circumstance of their foisting it in, by too great Influence on the Printer, among the Proceedings of the Lower House (as if it was a Matter within their Cognizance) favours strongly of the true Spirit of a Jesuitical Cabal, though the Expedient is too bungling, to be entitled even to the low Pretension of Cunning.

From what is premised, by Readers must be convinced of the absolute Necessity of diverting our public Disputes into a new Channel. By this Means the little Arts, which have thrown such a